



**The Alliance
for Rights
and Recovery**
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Meet the Institute
Director and Our Coaches
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Institute Director and Coach



Dr. Edye Schwartz, DSW, LCSW-R is currently an independent consultant providing executive coaching and training and technical assistance in a variety of areas of leadership, management, and organizational change. Dr. Schwartz has a long history in the field of mental health as a strong proponent of the recovery movement. Since earning her master's in social work (MSW) from Hunter School of Social Work, she has consistently worked to advance recovery-based approaches. During the early 1990's Dr. Schwartz was trained by Boston

University's Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation and operationalized this knowledge in the field, helping to shift mental health delivery from a traditional illness-based model to a system centered on recovery. While working for County government, Dr. Schwartz helped to develop ICM/SCM, IPRTs, Supported Housing Education and Work Programs and PROS, and offered technical assistance to developing peer-operated organizations.

In 1997, Dr. Schwartz became the first Executive Director of Putnam Family and Community Services (PFCS), when this organization formed through the privatization of a County-run behavioral health system. In the 13 years that she was the Executive Director, PFCS more than doubled its staff and programs and tripled its budget. More importantly, PFCS flourished as an agency focused on recovery, implementing services that nurtured participants and created an atmosphere where they would determine their treatment and the course of their lives.

Dr. Schwartz was deeply involved with NYAPRS for many years, serving as an active Board member and then president of the Board. In 2010, she joined the NYAPRS team as the Director of Systems Transformation and until her departure in May 2019, oversaw and grew the education and training division, providing technical assistance and training on issues including organizational culture change, transforming to a recovery-based service system, integrating behavioral and physical health systems, readying for managed care and value-based services and excellence in management practices. In May 2007, Dr. Schwartz received her Doctorate in Social Welfare (DSW) from the City University of NY Graduate Center and has shared her expertise with the next generation of health care practitioners by teaching, authoring articles and presenting workshops and keynote addresses at various state, national and international conferences.

One-On-One Coaches



Dr. Amy Kohn, DSW is an independent consultant offering high impact Executive coaching to young, mid-career and seasoned leaders with a focus on personal transformation that drives future success. Aligning the development needs of the individual with the objectives of the organization, Dr. Kohn provides a supportive feedback-rich environment.

Dr. Kohn retired as CEO from MHA Westchester in June 2017. While at MHA, she was responsible for all aspects of administration, financial management, program

development and organizational leadership. Dr. Kohn received her master's degree in social work from Adelphi University and her doctorate degree in Social Welfare from Columbia University. She is a graduate of the Not-for-Profit Executive Management Program at the Columbia University School of Business. A leader in statewide health care transformation initiatives, Dr. Kohn has served on several non-profit boards in the Westchester area. She was the founding Chair of Coordinated Behavioral Health Services, LLC, an IPA serving the Greater Hudson Valley region and a founding partner of CBHCare LLC, an integrated Behavioral Health/Primary Care IPA.

Lonnetta Albright



Lonnetta Albright, CPEC President/CVO, Forward Movement, Inc.
Executive Director, John Maxwell Team
Principal Investigator, Great Lakes Attc (Retired)

Lonnetta Albright, Author, Radio Personality, Change Agent, and Facilitator is one of the most dynamic and transformative speakers, facilitators and coaches working around the globe adding value to and changing the lives of thousands. She is particularly focused on developing those she fondly calls the Next Generation. Her experience with audiences and clients is national and international including Canada, the Caribbean and Africa.

As President & Chief Visioning Officer of Forward Movement Inc. a minority and female-owned company she offers Executive and Life Coaching; Personal and Professional growth; Organizational and Leadership development; Speaking, Consulting and Facilitation. A Certified Personal and Executive Coach (CPEC) with the Valorie Burton CaPP Institute accredited by the International Coach Federation, she is also an Executive Director with the John Maxwell Leadership Team.

Prior to starting her business, for 17 years she served as Executive Director and Principal Investigator of the Great Lakes ATTC at the University of Illinois at Chicago where she led national and international efforts to expand and shift our definition of Addiction Treatment to one of recovery as a process of change that leads to health, wellness, and a quality of life in the community. Lonnetta is a 2018 Hall of Fame Inductee, Museum of African American Addictions, Treatment and Recovery.

With a bachelor's degree in education, graduate studies in Public Administration, Ms. Albright is also certified by the American Management Association, and holds a Certificate of Law for Community Developers from the John Marshall Law School in Chicago. Lonnetta has a weekly radio Coaching segment on the Lonnie Hunter Show, Reach Gospel Radio airing each week.

Daniella Labate-Covelli, MSW, CPRP



Daniella Labate-Covelli is the Director of Recovery and Rehabilitation Training at The Alliance for Rights and Recovery. She has worked in the field of recovery services for 25 years. She is a trained Cognitive Remediation Specialist and received her master's degree in social work from Hunter College in NYC before joining the Alliance team in 2016.

Daniella began her career working in a Continuing Day Treatment program in NYC and quickly became interested in rehabilitation and recovery. Her belief in

recovery led her to a degree in social work, which resulted in positions overseeing operations at both an IPRT and PROS. She was also instrumental in transitioning that organization's PROS to a managed care reimbursement model. In her role at NYAPRS, Daniella has supported organizations throughout NYS to prepare for the transition to Medicaid Managed Care reimbursement and continues to work with organizations across the State in this environment, providing training and technical assistance through a recovery-focused lens.

Daniella provides training and technical assistance on topics including infrastructure development and capacity building, providing national technical assistance in this area. She is an experienced strategic planning facilitator, skilled at creating impact statements, and problem-solving. Daniella also provides coaching to behavioral health organization managers and directors, supporting them in developing and enhancing leadership skills. She has presented at conferences on topics including program development and cognitive remediation and managed care business best practices. Daniella's ultimate goal is to provide quality training and technical assistance to providers that meet community needs, maintain the highest standards in practice, and, most importantly, support a person's recovery.

Jeremy H. Wright, MHA



Jeremy Wright is the founder and CEO of Thrift, LLC which is a community-based thrift shop and event space focused on community building and the circulation of the Black dollar. Thrift hosts a variety of events surrounding entrepreneurship, community building, and recreation. In addition, the store houses a marketplace that carries the product lines of 17 other Black businesses. In this role Jeremy works with business owners to fine tune their businesses and provide growth opportunities.

Prior to becoming an entrepreneur Jeremy spent a decade in healthcare administration where he has vast experience in ambulatory clinical operations and patient access. He most recently served as Regional Operations Director for Cook County Health which is one of the largest public hospital systems in the country. He has overseen primary, specialty, and behavioral health clinics throughout the Chicago land area. He's had major successes in operational oversight managing to create a 1.9-million-dollar budget surplus, increase provider schedule utilization by 15%, increase patient satisfaction by 7%, and increase quality incentive payments by half a million dollars.

Jeremy is a John Maxwell certified trainer, speaker, and coach. He has developed training and curriculum for organizations such as NYAPRS, Access Community Health Network, Cook County Health, NWF Health Network, and Friend Health. He strives to support those he serves through community empowerment, leadership, economic development, and mentoring.